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1. SECRETARY DENT'S APRIL 18 INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE EC-ACCREDITED PRESS CORPS IN THE COMMISSION'S BERLAYMONT HEADQUARTERS WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED BY 50 REPORTERS,
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VACATION WEEK. COVERAGE WAS PROMINENT AND FAVORABLE, FEATURING POLICY POINTS ON MAJOR ISSUES OF CONCERN IN EUROPE AT THIS TIME. SECRETARY'S CLEAR PRESENTATION WAS SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN GETTING MESSAGE ACROSS.

2. THUS FAR, WE HAVE NOTED AP, UPI, REUTER AND AFP STORIES WHICH WE ASSUME ALSO AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, LONDON TIMES, FINANCIAL TIMES, INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE, LE SOIR AND DE STANDAARD (BOTH BRUSSELS), GAZET VAN ANTWERPEN, AND AGENCE EUROPE ALL CARRIED SEVERAL-PARAGRAPH STORIES. COPIES BEING AIRMAILED TO ACTION ADDRESSEES THIS TELEGRAM. WE EXPECT MORE ARTICLES IN PAPERS NOT AVAILABLE HERE TODAY.

3. CHIEF INTEREST IN PRESS COVERAGE FOCUSED ON SECRETARY DENT'S REAFFIRMATION OF US SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND HIS CALL FOR CONTINUOUS CONSULTATIONS TO IMPROVE US-EUROPEAN COMMUNICATION. ALSO REPORTED ACCURATELY AND IN SOME DETAIL WERE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS OF US POSITION OPPOSING EUROPEAN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US EXPORTS (GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND RESTRICTIVE RULES OF ORIGIN); US DETERMINATION TO REMOVE BY JUNE 30 EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON ALL ITEMS EXCEPT PETROLEUM AND STEEL SCRAP; US CONCERN TO ASSURE NON-DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US MULTINATIONALS; US SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS OF THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP; AND THE US ADMINISTRATION'S HOPE FOR EARLY PASSAGE OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT. ALTHOUGH SECRETARY DENT WAS NOT QUESTIONED DIRECTLY ABOUT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS, AFP, FOR EXAMPLE, REPORTS THAT SPINELLI AND SECRETARY DENT AGREED POLITICAL DECISIONS ARE NEEDED TO UNBLOCK THE NEGOTIATIONS. MYERSON

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